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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4617

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LATEST EMBASSY NOTE ON LOW FARE FILINGS

REFS A. STATE 016168, B. PRAGUE 0213, C. 77 PRAGUE 3227

1. EMBASSY HAS DELIVERED NOTE TO MFA DATED JAN 25 BASED
ON REF A AND MAKING REFERENCE TO MFA'S JAN 12 NOTE (REF B)
AND EMBASSY'S NOTE NUMBER 263 OF NOV 7 (REF C).

2. SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF OUR JAN 25 NOTE FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE THE MINISTRY THAT, IF THE
CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT ENTERS INTO AN AD HOC AGREEMENT THAT THE
NEW LOW-FARE FILINGS PRESENTED BY CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES ARE
EXPERIMENTAL, AS PROPOSED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO 263, THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL LIFT THE SUSPENSION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK
AIRLINES FARES AS QUICKLY AS IS ADMINISTRATIVELY POSSIBLE.
THIS WOULD REQUIRE AN ORDER FROM THE UNITED STATES CIVIL AERONAUTICS
BOARD TO BE SUBMITTED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL. UPON RECEIPT OF
THIS PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL, CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES COULD THEN REFILE
ON SHORT NOTICE WITH THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD AND BEGIN
APPLYING THE FARES IN QUESTION. EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT
APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS PROCEDURE. UNQUOTE.

3. WE HOPE THAT OUR LATEST NOTW WILL ENCOURAGE GOC TO ENTER
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INTO AD HOC AGREEMENT SOON. HOWEVER, MFA'S JAN 12 NOTE
ALSO REGISTERS "DISSATISFACTION" WITH OCT 4, 1977 PAN AM PROPOSAL FOR
REDUCTION OF APEX TARIFFS, APPARENTLY IN RETALIATION FOR CAB
SUSPENSION OF CSA FARES. THE JAN 12 NOTE ALSO RAISES OTHER,
APPARENTLY MINOR, POINTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: TO HELP RESOLVE WHAT HAS TURNED INTO A

CONFUSING, EXTENDED AND TIME-CONSUMING EXCHANGE ABOUT A PROPOSED
NINE DOLLAR-A-TICKET FARE REDUCTION, PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON
WHAT, IF ANY, FURTHER RESPONSES EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE TO MFA'S
JAN 12 NOTE.
DECONTROL JANURY 31, 1979.
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